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Office Hours: M-F, 9am–1pm

A warm welcome is extended to all.

If you are a parent or caregiver, there is a kitchen and washrooms on the main and upstairs levels, as well as a diaper changing area upstairs.

Please feel free to return to the service at any time.

*The congregation is invited to join in responses printed in **bold**. Stand as you are able.)*

PRELUDE

SEEK YE FIRST

(Music: Karen Lafferry)

DOXOLOGY (541 VU)

(OLD 100TH) (Thomas Ken, Genevan Psalter)

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION & SERVICE STORY

Read by Nancy Black

- Preserving Culture through Language Revitalization

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 49:1,6-7)

Listen to me, O Coastlands;
pay attention, you people from far away!

**God called us before we were born;
we were named by God while in our mother's womb.**

God made our mouths like sharp swords;
in the shadow of God's hand, we were hidden.

**God made us a polished arrow;
in God's quiver, we were hidden away.**

I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

**Kings shall see and stand up; princes shall prostrate
themselves, because of God, who is faithful,
the Holy One has chosen you.**

HYMN 359 VU

HE CAME SINGING LOVE

(SINGING LOVE) (Words / Music: Colin Gibson)

He came singing love and he lived singing love;
he died, singing love
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing faith and he lived singing faith;
he died, singing faith.
He arose in silence.
For the faith to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing hope and he lived singing hope;
he died, singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing peace and he lived singing peace;
he died singing peace.
He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Knitter of our bones and namer of our being,
we invite you to encompass us with your spirit.
Everything we desire can be found in you.**

**You desire wholeness for us and in us so now
we draw nigh to receive from you and to share in you.**

**We pray with the words Jesus taught us, saying,
“Our Father...Amen.”** (960 VU) (A laminated handheld version of
The Lord’s Prayer can be found in the hymnbook holder in the pew.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Redeemer, granter of free will, helps us to stay
encouraged to exercise our free will to cause heaven
to exist on the earth. We confess that we often miss
the bigger picture, while staring at the snapshot of our
lives. You have equipped us to see each other’s
suffering and remedy it. In doing so, we transform how
we live and where we live. Amen.**

(moment of silence to offer personal thoughts and concerns)

WORDS OF GRACE

God’s ability to help us stay alert, keeps us open to salvation and
the possibility of experiencing Heaven on earth at any given time.
Heaven can be a place on earth. Amen.

OFFERING

Offering boxes are located inside the Sanctuary at the two main entrances.

OFFERTORY (537 VU)

YOUR WORK, O GOD, NEEDS MANY HANDS

(KILMARNOCK) (Words: Calvin Weiss Laufer / Music: Neil Dougall)

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.

Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus’ sake.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Creator of heaven and earth, receive these offerings from our hearts and our hands. May they be used to bring heaven to the earth.

REMAIN SEATED

HYMN 161 MV *I HAVE CALLED YOU BY YOUR NAME*

(KELLY) (Words / Music: Daniel Charles Damon)

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children up to age 12 yrs. are now invited to go to our Sunday School program time. If you are a child here for the first time, please feel welcome to join the children's group upstairs, or remain here for the rest of the service.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Read by Judy Chase

Isaiah 49:1–7

The mission of God's servant.

Psalms 40:1–11, p. 764 VU

I waited patiently for God.

(Music: F.H. Barthélémon; adapt. Robert Simpson)

R You put a new song in my mouth, your name to glorify.

I waited patiently for you, O God;
you bent down and heard my cry.

**You lifted me out of the horrible pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**Many shall see and wonder,
and will put their trust in you. R**

Blessed are those whose trust is in God,
**who have not turned to the proud,
nor to those who follow a lie.**

O God, my God, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds
and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

I would proclaim and tell of them,
but they are more than can be numbered.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required.

But you have opened my ears to hear, and I said: "Here I am,
ready to do what is written in the scroll of the book."

**I delight to do your will, O my God,
your law is in my heart. R**

I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;

I did not restrain my lips, as you well know.

**I have not kept your goodness hidden in my heart,
but have spoken of your faithfulness and your saving help.**

I have not concealed your steadfast love,
nor your truth from the great congregation.

**Do not withhold from me your tender care, O God;
may your love and truth ever preserve me. R**

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

I thank God for you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 595 VU

WE ARE PILGRIMS

(SERVANT SONG) (Words / Music: Richard Gillard)

We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've see this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

SERMON

ANTHEM

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

(Words: Horatio G. Stafford / Music: Phillip B. Bliss)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(We pray for Carleton-Kirk Pastoral Charge)

HYMN 586 VU

WE SHALL GO OUT WITH HOPE OF RESURRECTION

(LONDONDERRY AIR) (Words: June-Boyce-Tillman / Music: Traditional Irish melody; arr. John Barnard)

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.

We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life who sets us free.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.

We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story
including all in circles of our love.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL SUNG POSTLUDE

GO NOW IN PEACE

(Words: Don Besig, Nancy Price / Music: Don Besig)

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*(This is great opportunity to welcome new members
to our church and get to know one another.)*

POSTLUDE

HOW GREAT THOU ART

(Music: Stuart K. Hine)

During the postlude the congregation is welcome to depart.

Salvation May Reach: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Epiphany was written by Rev. Teña T. Nock, who serves as The Associate Pastor of Digital Ministry, First United Church of Tampa, United Church of Christ. Mystic in the making.

***You are invited to join us in the Owen Fraser Hall
for a time of fellowship and refreshments.***



*The bulletin and pastoral letter are
dedicated in Loving Memory of
our mother, M. Joan Steeves
by Bonnie Steeves and Shelly Steeves*

NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Check our website at www.stjohnsmoncton.ca
for **Sunday online Worship links**, calendar, and more.

Jan. 18	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School - Music Director: Lorilee Redmond
Jan. 18-25			Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 
Jan. 18	Sun.	12:45 p.m.	Worship & Music Committee (Norman Sinclair Room)
Jan. 19	Mon	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon (weekly-Owen Fraser Hall)
Jan. 20	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Finance & Property Management Committee (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall)
Jan. 22	Thur.	7:00 p.m.	Choir (weekly-Choir Loft/Fellowship Room)
Jan. 22	Thur.	7:15 p.m.	Pathfinders, Girl Guides of Canada (weekly-Social Hall)
Jan. 25	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School - Kirkan' O' the Tartans - wear your tartan or bring your colours - Grocery Sunday (see note) 
Jan. 27	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Church Council (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall)
Feb. 1	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School
Feb. 1	Sun.	2:30 p.m.	Worship with the Rev. Aaron Billard at Peoples Park Tower Chapel , 960 St. George Blvd., Moncton. If you are a resident there, we ask you to help us spread the word to members of the congregation who live there.

Announcements from other United Churches, Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region 14 and the community are shown on the TV in the Owen Fraser Hall and also located on the bulletin boards located at the Alma St. entrance and outside the Church Office.

SOBEYS & SUPERSTORE GIFT CARDS are sold each Sunday in the Sanctuary before and after Worship and at the Church Office M-F, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



We make 4% on every card sold. Your support is needed and appreciated.

WELCOME!

We would like to warmly welcome any new faces to our church family today! Please feel free to introduce yourself to a fellow member or reach out to our minister if you have any questions. We invite you to stay after the service for fellowship. Fill in the “welcome” envelope located on the table at our two main entrances and place in the offering box (no money required) or email the church office at stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com to let us know you are worshipping with us.



December 2025 GIVINGS

Local Offering - Env	\$ 19,318.20	Local Offering - PAR	\$ 5,918.87
Mission & Service – Env	\$ 2,348.85	Mission & Service - PAR	\$ 815.46
Plate Loose	\$ 980.05	Memorial Donations	\$ 5,653.00
Bulletin Sponsorship	\$ 300.00	Grocery Card Revenue	\$ 111.00
Revenues Year-to-Date:	\$ 348,593.57*	Expenses Year-to-Date:	\$ 292,676.22
Mission & Service Year-to-Date:	\$ 21,846.87	Mission & Service 2025 Goal	\$ 18,000.00

*includes \$ 73,927.47 in grant monies /Revenue & Expense Y-T-D figures are **unofficial** until close of year-end

Thank you for your generous and continued support!

GROCERY SUNDAY FOR KARING KITCHEN

(Jan. 25 – last Sunday of the month)

The Outreach Committee would like to bring your attention to the Karing Kitchen’s need for these groceries: cream of celery soup, honey garlic sauce flakes of ham and hot dogs. *White baskets will be at the main entrance for your donations.* Thank you.



DEDICATE THE BULLETIN/PASTORAL LETTER in memory of a loved one(s). The cost is \$50.00. Upcoming dates available: Jan. 25, June 7, Sept. 9, 2026 and Jan. 10, 2027. If you dedicated last year, you will be contacted to see if you want to dedicate again.

STEWARDSHIP SECOND – In Jesus you are loved and made holy, enriched in many ways: not lacking in any spiritual gift; ready and willing to share generously; called by God, as disciples of Jesus.

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH CARES... To notify the Minister of personal concerns, anxieties, illnesses, hospitalizations or deaths, or to pass along a prayer request, contact Rev. Aaron Billard at 506-858-8289 or sjucrev@gmail.com

Greeters & Offering

South Door – Alma St
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January 18-25, 2026